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ALL THE POWERS OF THE GREATEST MEN IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN GATHERED TOGETHER AND PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE BOY REPORTER, BILLY BATSON.

WHEN HE PRONOUNCES THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT WIZARD, HAZAZAM, HE BECOMES IN A BUNDLING FLASH OF LIGHTNING THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL, CAPTAIN MARVEL!

WHEN EVIL IS DEFEATED AND JUSTICE AGAIN ESTABLISHED, CAPTAIN MARVEL, REPEATS THE MAGIC WORD AND CHANGES BACK TO BILLY ONCE MORE! SO AMAZING IS THIS CHANGE THAT MOST PEOPLE NEVER REALIZE WHAT HAS HAPPENED!

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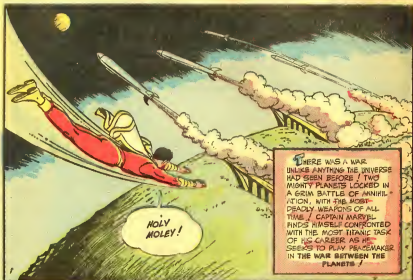
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Captain MARVEL

AND THE WAR BETWEEN THE PLANETS!



THERE WAS A WAR UNLIKE ANYTHING THE UNIVERSE HAD SEEN BEFORE! TWO MIGHTY PLANETS LOCKED IN A GRIM BATTLE OF ANNIHILATION, WITH THE MOST DEADLY WEAPONS OF ALL TIME! CAPTAIN MARVEL FINDS HIMSELF CONFRONTED WITH THE MOST HEROIC TASK OF HIS CAREER AS HE SEEKS TO PLAY PEACEMAKER IN THE WAR BETWEEN THE PLANETS!

SHORTLY BEFORE BILLY BATSON IS SCHEDULED TO BROADCAST, STATION WHIZ SUFFERS A MYSTERIOUS POWER FAILURE!

I CAN'T SEEM TO GET ANYTHING BUT STATIC!

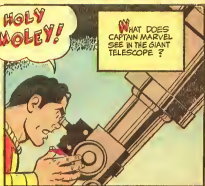
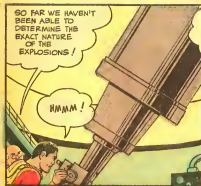
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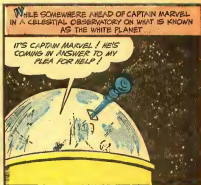
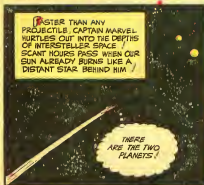


WHAT IS IT?

SOME KIND OF MESSAGE! I'M GETTING IT CLEARER NOW! IT'S ADDRESSED TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!









HURRAH!
WE DID IT! WE
DESTROYED THE
RED MISSILE!
WE'LL GET A
MARKSMANSHIP
MEDAL FOR
THIS!



THEN I
DESERVES ONE,
TOO! HOW'S THIS
BULL-EYE?

GLUGGG!



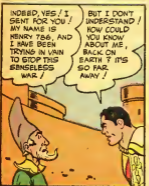
HELP! THE RED MAN
HAS CAPTURED
US!

YOU CAN
TURN THAT GUN
IN FOR SCRAP
METAL!



THE
REPORTS
OF YOUR
STRENGTH
WERE NOT
EXAGGERATED,
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
YOU ARE JUST THE
MAN I SEEK!

YOU KNOW WHO
I AM?



INDEED, YES / I
SENT FOR YOU!
MY NAME IS
HENRY 786, AND
I HAVE BEEN
TRYING IN VAIN
TO STOP THIS
SENSELESS
WAR!

BUT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
HOW COULD
YOU KNOW
ABOUT ME,
BACK ON
EARTH? IT'S
SO FAR
AWAY!



COME TO MY
LABORATORY,
CAPTAIN MARVEL,
AND I WILL
ATTEMPT TO
EXPLAIN!



YOUR FAME IS ALREADY
KNOWN TO US, CAPTAIN
MARVEL! RECENT INVADERS WHO
TRIED TO CONQUER THE RED
AND WHITE PLANETS HAD BEEN
DRIVEN AWAY FROM EARTH BY
YOU! THEY STRUCK AT US
THEN, HOPING TO FIND
WEAKER OPPOSITION!

THE INVADERS COUNTED UPON THE DISTRICT WHICH LONG HAS EXISTED BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE WHITE AND RED PLANETS ! BUT THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED / CONFRONTED BY A COMMON DANGER, THE WHITE AND RED PLANETS JOINED IN AN ALLIANCE !



"THE FLEET OF INVADERS WAS BOMBARDED BY A TERRIBLE CROSSFIRE . MANY WERE DESTROYED, AND THE REST FLED!"

BUT VICTORY DID NOT BRING PEACE ! EACH OF US HAD SEEN HOW DESTRUCTIVE WERE THE WEAPONS USED BY THE OTHER ! WE FEARED THESE WEAPONS WOULD BE USED IN A NEW WAR BETWEEN THE WHITE PLANET AND THE RED PLANET !

I CAN GUESS THE REST !



FEAR LED TO SUSPICION ! THEN TO INCREASED TENSION ON BOTH SIDES ! AN INCIDENT FOLLOWED, AND THEN ...

AND THEN WAR ! I TRIED IN VAIN TO REASON WITH OUR RULERS ! BUT I NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING SENT TO PRISON FOR MY EFFORTS !



YOU HAVE NOT ESCAPED, HENRY 786 ! THE COUNCIL HAS ORDERED YOUR IMPRISONMENT AND TRIAL !

BUT....



SILENCE HIM ! AND SEIZE THE SPY !

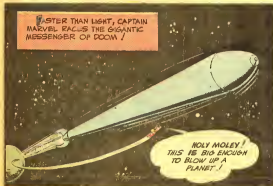
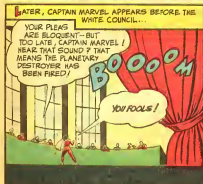
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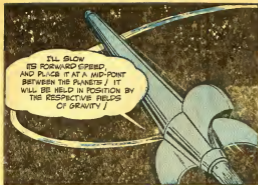


I'M NOT A SPY !

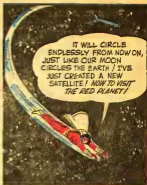
BAM!







I'LL SLOW ITS FORWARD SPEED, AND PLACE IT AT A MID-POINT BETWEEN THE PLANETS / IT WILL BE HELD IN POSITION BY THE RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF GRAVITY /



IT WILL CIRCLE ENDLESSLY FROM NOW ON, JUST LIKE OUR MOON CIRCLES THE EARTH / I'VE JUST CREATED A NEW SATELLITE! NOW TO VISIT THE RED PLANET!



HOLY HOLY! THEY'VE GOT A PLANETARY DESTROYER GUN, TOO! I'D BETTER HAVE A TALK WITH THEIR RULERS!



ONCE AGAIN, CAPTAIN MARVEL PLEADS WITH THE RULERS OF A WARRING PLANET!

IF EITHER SIDE SUCCEEDED IN BLOWING UP THE OTHER, IT WOULD SEAL ITS OWN DOOM! FOR THE EXPLOSION OF ONE PLANET WOULD CAUSE A RAIN OF FIERY METEORS THAT WOULD DESTROY THE OTHER!

HE'S RIGHT!



WE NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT / BUT WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROTECT OURSELVES AGAINST AN ATTACK BY THE WHITES?

I'VE A PLAN THAT MAY WORK! YOU BOTH WERE ALLIES ONCE / THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULD BE AGAIN!



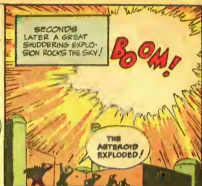
YOU STILL HAVEN'T FIRED YOUR PLANETARY DESTROYER! NOW HERE'S WHAT I'LL DO... BZZ-BZZ...

MMMMMM!



SOON... I'VE SET MYSELF A TASK THAT WILL TAX EVEN MY POWERS TO THE UTMOST! BUT I MUSTN'T FAIL!





Matty BELL

COACH OF
SOUTHERN METHODIST
UNIVERSITY'S
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BOASTING A
DEVASTATING GROUND AND
AERIAL ATTACK, MATTY'S MUSTANGS
GALLOPED THROUGH A RUGGED
10-GAME SCHEDULE UNDEFEATED. PLAYED
THRILLING 13-13 TIE WITH POWERFUL
PENN. STATE IN COTTON BOWL GAME.



WOW! AND HE
SAID HE WAS
JUST WARMIN'
UP!

HAD MY
WHEATIES!

NAT'L CHAMPIONS

BELL "RANS THE GONG" HIS FIRST YEAR
AT S.M.U. HIS GREAT 1935 TEAM WON
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. UNDEFEATED
AND UNTIED, MATTY'S BOYS WERE ONLY
TEAM EVER TO REPRESENT SOUTHWEST
CONFERENCE IN ROSE BOWL.

NO SUBSTITUTE
FOR EXPERIENCE
AND—



A VETERAN OF 21 YEARS IN
TOUGH SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE,
COACH MATTY BELL BELIEVES THAT
EXPERIENCE OR "KNOW HOW" COUNTS
HEAVILY IN ATHLETIC CONTESTS.
TRAINING AND EATING RIGHT
IMPORTANT, TOO. MATTY SAYS, "A
TRAINING DISH I RECOMMEND IS
ONE I'VE ENJOYED FOR YEARS
MYSELF - A BIG BOWLFUL OF MILK,
FRUIT AND WHEATIES, 'BREAKFAST
OF CHAMPIONS.'"

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DOPEY DANNY DEE

TOASTED



BUY, DANNY, YOUR BIRTHDAY WILL BE AROUND SOON, WON'T IT?

THAT'S RIGHT, BUSTER.



I'M GOING TO BUY YOU A PRESENT, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY ME ANYTHING.



DON'T BE SILLY, I WANT TO BUY YOU A PRESENT, NOW TELL ME, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

GOSH, I DON'T KNOW, BUT PLEASE DON'T BUY ME A BED WARMER LIKE YOU DID LAST YEAR.



HUH? CREEPERS! THAT WASN'T BED WARMER! THAT WAS A TOASTER!

OH, NO WONDER...



...IT KEPT POPPING UP AND THROWING ME OUT OF BED!



TIGHTWAD TAD

"SPONGE CAKE"

WELL, I CERTAINLY AM SURPRISED? WHAT ARE YOU HAVING FOR DINNER?

SPONGE CAKE.



HEY, JONES, HOW ABOUT COMING TO DINNER AT MY HOUSE?

HUH???



YOU'RE ASKING ME TO COME TO DINNER AT YOUR HOUSE? INVITING ME? I DON'T HAVE TO PAY?

THAT'S RIGHT.



SPONGE CAKE?

THAT'S RIGHT...



—I SPONGED THE EGGS FROM MY NEIGHBOR, I SPONGED THE FLOUR FROM THE BAKER AND I SPONGED THE MILK FROM THE GROCER!

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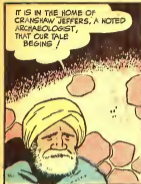


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CAPT. MARVEL

Captain **MARVEL** and THE CHAMELEON STONE!





IT IS IN THE HOME OF CRANSHAW JEFFERS, A NOTED ARCHAEOLOGIST, THAT OUR TALE BEGINS!



THIS IS MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION, RAWAR / I FOUND IT NEAR THE RUNS OF AN ANCIENT BABYLONIAN WIZARD'S TOMB / IT'S CALLED THE CHAMELEON STONE!

DOESN'T LOOK VERY REMARKABLE TO ME, JEFFERS!



ACCORDING TO LEGEND, THE CHAMELEON STONE CAN CHANGE ITS SHAPE TO ANYTHING ITS OWNER DESIRES / ALL HE NEEDS TO DO IS TOUCH THE PICTURE OF THE CHAMELEON!

HA-NA! A LIKELY STORY!



SUPPOSE I TOUCHED IT---LIKE THIS! AND WISHED THIS STONE WERE A DIAMOND!



THEN THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS! BEFORE THEIR AMAZED EYES, THE STRANGE STONE CHANGES INTO A GEM OF STARTLING BRILLIANCE!

GOOD HEAVENS! IT IS A DIAMOND!

YOU'RE A FOOL, JEFFERS / THE LEGEND IS TRUE!



YET YOU NEVER BOTHERED TO TEST THE STONE YOURSELF / YOU DON'T DESERVE SUCH A TREASURE / I'M TAKING IT WITH ME!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, RAWAR!



I'LL CALL THE POL. AGHHH!

YOU'RE A GREATER FOOL THAN I THOUGHT! DID YOU THINK I'D HESITATE TO KILL... FOR A PRIZE LIKE THIS!

BANG!



AT THIS MOMENT BILLY BATSON, THE FAMOUS BOY BROADCASTER, IS PASSING OUTSIDE!

A SHOT! SHAZAM!

WHEN BILLY BATSON SAYS SHAZAM, HE IS ANSWERED BY MAGIC LIGHTNING THAT CHANGES HIM INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL..... CAPTAIN MARVEL!

BOOM!

HOLY MOLEY!
A MURDER!

RAVAR!
STOP!

AGHHH!

IT'S CRANGRAW JEFFERS, THE FAMED ARCHEOLOGIST!
HE'S DEAD!

BUT I CAN STILL CATCH THAT MURDERER RAVAR!

CAPTAIN MARVEL'S AFTER ME! THIS DIAMOND CAN'T HELP ME NOW! BUT I'LL TOUCH THE MARK OF THE CHAMELEON AND WISH FOR A BEAM OF LIGHT THAT WILL BLIND HIM!

IT WORKED!

HOLY MOLEY!

MY EYES!

NOW TO WISH FOR A CAR TO MAKE GOOD MY ESCAPE!

ZOOOOOM

JEFFERS DIDNT LIE! HA-HA! THE CHAMELEON STONE WILL TURN INTO ANYTHING! HA-HA-HA!

THOUGH BLINDED, CAPTAIN MARVEL'S OTHER SENSES ARE ALERT!

A SIXTEEN-CYLINDER CAR, FROM THE SOUND OF THE MOTOR! AND I HEARD HIM LAUGH CLEARLY! THAT MEANS THE CAR HAD NO ROOF TO INTERFERE WITH THE SOUND!



AND WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL'S SIGHT RETURNS...

I'VE GOT TO FIND SOMEONE IN A HIGH-POWERED, AND THEREFORE EXPENSIVE, OPEN CONVERTIBLE CAR! THAT WON'T BE HARD TO DO! HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN MUCH OF A HEADSTART!



I CAN GET A BETTER VIEW FLYING UP THIS HIGH!



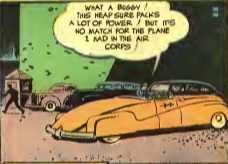
BUT RAVAR SEES CAPTAIN MARVEL FIRST!

HE'S LOOKING FOR ME! I'LL PARK IN HERE, AND TAKE COVER! THEN I'LL CLAIM THE CAR AFTER HE'S GONE!



THE PARKING LOT ATTENDANT TAKES OVER.

WHAT A BOGGY! THIS HEAP SURE PACKS A LOT OF POWER! BUT IT'S NO MATCH FOR THE PLANE I HAD IN THE AIR CORPS!

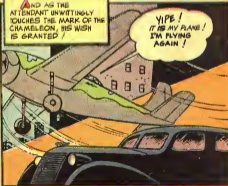


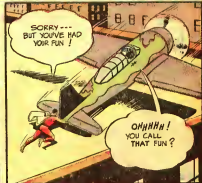
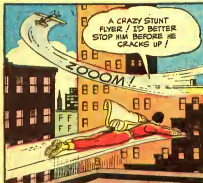
YES, SIRREE! I SURE WISH I WAS SITTING IN THE COCKPIT OF THAT LITTLE CU FIGHTER PLANE, INSTEAD OF CHAUFFERING OTHER PEOPLE'S CARS ON A PARKING LOT!



AND AS THE ATTENDANT UNWITTINGLY TOUCHES THE MARK OF THE CHAMELEON, HIS WISH IS GRANTED!

YIPE! IT IS MY PLANE! I'M FLYING AGAIN!







MEANWHILE, RAVAR
DISCOVERS THAT EVEN THE
CHAMELEON STONE CANNOT
SATISFY ALL HIS DESIRES!

BAH! WHAT GOOD IS A
BEAUTIFUL HOME WITHOUT
SERVANTS, OR MONEY,
OR FINE CLOTHES? I
KNOW HOW TO GET
EVERYTHING I
WANT! I'LL
WISH YOU WERE
A STONE
AGAIN!

IN ANSWER TO THE WISH, THE
ORIGINAL CHAMELEON STONE
REAPPEARS!

I'LL BREAK IT UP INTO A
LOT OF LITTLE STONES!
THEN EACH ONE WILL BE
ABLE TO GRANT MY
WISHES!

SECONDS LATER...

NO SIGN OF ANY
MANSION AROUND...
HOLY MOLEY!
WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S RAVAR---
THE MAN WHO KILLED
CRANSHAW JEFFERS!
AND HE'S DEAD!

HE SEEMS TO HAVE DIED OF
FRIGHT! THERE'S NO MARK OF
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE---NOTHING,
EXCEPT THE BRAND OF A
BLACK CHAMELEON
BURNED ONTO HIS
FOREHEAD!

THESE SPUNTERED
FRAGMENTS OF ROCK
SEEM TO HAVE FLOWN
APART--- AS THOUGH
SOME GREAT
IMPRISONED FORCE
HAD BURST OUT! WHAT
CAN IT MEAN?

NOT EVEN A WISE MAN CAN TELL YOU THE ANSWER
TO THAT RIDDLE! FOR THERE ARE STRANGER
THINGS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH THAN
ARE KNOWN TO OUR
UNDERSTANDING!

SAM TAKES
HIMSELF FOR
A RIDE

HERE'S WHY I CALLED
YOU, SAM. A GANG HAS
BEEN WRECKING MY TRUCKS
TO RUN ME OUT OF BUSINESS.
I WANT YOU TO INVESTIGATE.

GLAD TO HELP YOU,
BLACKIE! LET ME RIDE
ONE OF YOUR TRUCKS
TONIGHT.

I'M GOING TO BE
RIGHT AT HOME IN
HERE, EFFIE... LOOK
... MY FAVORITE
HAIR TONIC!

WE'LL
FOLLOW A
FEW MILES
BEHIND IN
CASE HE NEEDS
HELP, EFFIE!

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SAM SPADE**

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MANY MILES LATER

GET OUT
OF THAT
CAB
BUDDY!

TIE HIM UP,
MIKE! THEN LET'S
SEE IF THIS TRUCK'S
CARRYING ANYTHING
WORTH TAKING
BEFORE WE
WRECK IT!

HAVE A LITTLE
WILDROOT CREAM-OIL,
FELLOWS!

WHERE ARE
THEY, SAM?

UNDER THIS PILE OF
CASES, BLACKIE! LET'S
DIG 'EM OUT AND TURN
'EM IN!

HERE'S A CHECK FOR
BLACKIE FOR
CATCHING THOSE
GUYS, SAM! HE
SENT THIS BOX
TOO!

A CASE OF WILDROOT CREAM-OIL
HAIR TONIC! YOU TAKE
THE CHECK, EFFIE... I'M SATISFIED
JUST GETTING THIS.

SAM SPADE says

**CAN YOUR
SCALP PASS THE
FINGERNAIL
TEST?**



TRY IT! Scratch
your head. If you
find signs of
dandruff and
itchiness, you
need Wildroot
Cream-Oil for
hair tonic. Non-
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HOW OLD ARE YOU, LITTLE BOY?

I DON'T KNOW.



YOUR SON DOESN'T KNOW HOW OLD HE IS?

THAT'S RIGHT. I NEVER TOLD HIM HIS BIRTHDAY.

YOU NEVER TOLD YOUR SON HIS BIRTHDAY?

OF COURSE NOT! IF HE KNEW WHEN HIS BIRTHDAY WAS...

...HE'D EXPECT A PRESENT?



**DOPEY
DANNY
DEE**

ALARMED

HYA, EDDIE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WORKING ON AN INVENTION, BANNY.

THAT'S NICE, YOU KNOW, I USED TO INVENT THINGS, TOO.

IS THAT SO?



SURE, I ONCE INVENTED A MARVELOUS BURGLAR ALARM.

YOU INVENTED A BURGLAR ALARM?

YUP BUT I NEVER GOT CREDIT FOR IT.

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Captain MARVEL

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MAN'S WORST ENEMY!

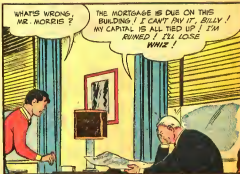
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FOLKS, IT'S A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT EVERY YEAR DOZENS OF MEN VANISH AND ARE NEVER HEARD OF AGAIN! THEIR BODIES ARE NEVER FOUND! WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM? ARE THEY STILL ALIVE ---- SOMEWHERE? THE ANSWER MAY LIE IN CAPTAIN MARVEL'S ADVENTURE, WITH MAN'S WORST ENEMY!

ONE DAY AS BILLY BATSON STEPS INTO THE OFFICE OF STERLING MORRIS, OWNER OF STATION WHIZ, HE FINDS HIM PLUNGED DEEP IN DESPAIR!

WHAT'S WRONG, MR. MORRIS?

THE MORTGAGE IS DUE ON THIS BUILDING! I CAN'T PAY IT, BILLY! MY CAPITAL IS ALL TIED UP! I'M RUINED! I'LL LOSE WHIZ!





BUCK UP, SIR! IT CAN'T BE AS BAD AS ALL THAT! GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP! WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT TOMORROW!

I PROBABLY WON'T SLEEP A WINK ALL NIGHT!



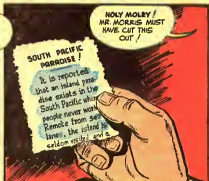
THE NEXT MORNING, AT THE STUDIO....

GOOD MORNINGS, MR. MORRIS! DID YOU SLEEP WELL... HUH? HE'S NOT EVEN HERE!



THIS IS THE BUTLER! THE MANAGER DIDN'T COME HOME LAST NIGHT AT ALL!

WHAT? THEN WHERE IS HE? WAIT, THERE'S A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING HERE!



HOLY MOLEY! MR. MORRIS MUST HAVE CUT THIS OUT!

SOUTH PACIFIC PARADISE!

It is reported that an island paradise exists in the South Pacific where people never work. Remote from sea lanes, the island is seldom visited and a



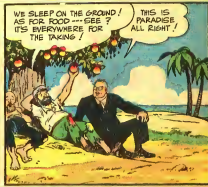
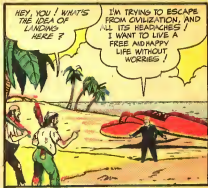
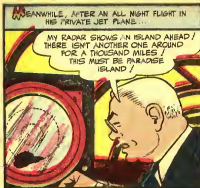
HIS MORTGAGE WAS DUE! HE FEARED RUIN! DID HE SIMPLY DROP EVERYTHING AND RUN AWAY TO THAT ISLAND? I THINK CAPTAIN MARVEL HAD BETTER FOLLOW THIS SLIM CLUE! **SHAZAM!**

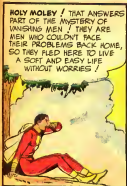
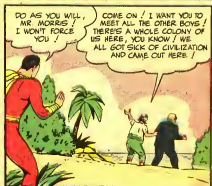


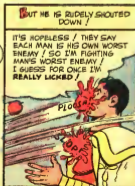
MAGIC LIGHTNING ANSWERS THE WIZARD'S NAME, BRINGING FORTH THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!



I CAN'T BELIEVE MR. MORRIS WOULD TRY TO ESCAPE HIS PROBLEM THAT WAY, BUT THEN... WELL, OFF TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC!









YOU AGAIN ?

EASY, MORRIS ! LOOK AT THIS ! I'VE MADE A SKETCH OF HOW YOU WILL LOOK IN A FEW WEEKS IF YOU STAY HERE !

I THOUGHT IT WOULD SHOCK YOU TO YOUR SENSES ! WILL YOU COME HOME NOW ?

YES ! WHAT A FOOL I WAS TO COME HERE ! I'LL FACE THE MUSIC BACK HOME !



CRACK!



NO ! NO ! I D-DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE THAT !

BUT THAT'S HOW YOU WILL LOOK SOON ! IT HAPPENED TO ALL THESE OTHER LOST SOULS !



WAIT ! YOU'RE SAVED, BUT IF WE WORK TOGETHER, THERE'S A CHANCE TO SAVE THE OTHERS, TOO !

TELL ME YOUR PLAN, CAPTAIN MARVEL, AND I'LL DO MY PART !

DOWN IN THE CAVE, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL BEGINS HIS END OF THE DARING PLAN !



BAM!

IF I KEEP SWAGGING INTO THE WALLS, MAYBE I CAN MAKE THE WHOLE ISLAND SHAKE AND TREMBLE AS IF STRUCK BY---AN EARTHQUAKE !

SO GREAT IS THE POWER OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL THAT SOON THE WHOLE ISLAND VIBRATES VIOLENTLY !



WHAT ?

HELP !

HEY !

PLAYING HIS PART, MR MORRIS RUSHES TO THE MEN, AND...

IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE! WE'VE GOT TO GET OFF THE ISLAND! TO SAVE OURSELVES, WE'VE GOT TO BUILD A BIG RAFT!

BUT--- BUT WE HAVEN'T GOT NO TOOLS OR ANYTHING!



THEN MAKE TOOLS! SEE--- A CRUDE AX! WE'LL CHOP DOWN TREES AND MAKE A RAFT! IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER WITH A WILL, WE'LL HAVE IT DONE QUICKLY!



BUT THERE IS ONE MORE ENEMY TO CONQUER....

I'M YOUR WORST ENEMY! I'M YOUR BAD SELF! WHY BUILD THE RAFT? WHY WORRY? WHY WORK? JUST GIVE UP AND DIE!



NO! NO! I WON'T LISTEN!

YOU MADE A BEAST OF ME, BUT YOU WON'T TAKE MY LIFE! I'M GOING TO WORK AND HELP BUILD THE RAFT!

CURSES!



AND SO, WITH COURAGE REBORN IN THEM, THE ONCE SPINELESS MEN PITCH IN, AND...



WE SAVED OURSELVES!

YAYYYY!

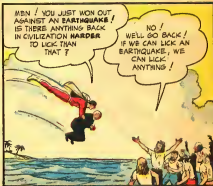
IT'S DONE, CAPTAIN MARVEL! THEY BUILT THE RAFT AND THERE THEY GO!

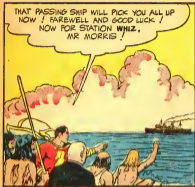
GOOD! I THINK WE'LL FIND CHANGED MEN ON THAT RAFT NOW!



MEN! YOU JUST WON OUT AGAINST AN EARTHQUAKE! IS THERE ANYTHING HARDER IN CIVILIZATION HARDER TO LICK THAN THAT?

NO! WE'LL GO BACK! IF WE CAN LICK AN EARTHQUAKE, WE CAN LICK ANYTHING!





THAT PASSING SHIP WILL PICK YOU ALL UP NOW! FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK! NOW FOR STATION WHIZ, MR MORRIS!



TAKE ME DIRECTLY TO THE BANK, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I WANT TO EXPLAIN HONESTLY AND FRANKLY THAT I CAN'T MEET THE MORTGAGE PAYMENT! GOOD FOR YOU, MR MORRIS!



WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US YOU WERE CAUGHT SHORT, MORRIS? WE DON'T WANT TO RUIN YOU! YOU HAVE UNLIMITED CREDIT WITH US!

THANK YOU! I CAN SEE NOW THAT I WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM NOTHING AT ALL!



ISN'T THAT THE WAY WITH MOST OF OUR PROBLEMS, FOLKS? IT'S SILLY TO RUN AWAY FROM THEM! IF YOU FACE A PROBLEM RIGHT SQUARE IN THE EYE, IT FOLDS RIGHT UP AND WITHERS AWAY!

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JAUNT ON JUPITER

A Jon Jarl Adventure

By EANDO BINDER

TWO ships spun through space at blinding speed, their rocket motors drumming out orange flame. The ship ahead was that of Bull Drago, notorious outlaw. The ship pursuing was that of Lieutenant Jon Jarl of the Space Police,

"I'm gaining on him," Jon Jarl muttered grimly, but then he frowned. Ahead lay the huge bloated globe of the Planet Jupiter, the giant world of the solar system. Drago's ship turned down toward it, zooming into the thick swirling atmosphere. It was his one chance to escape.

Jon dove down after him, but a dense purple cloud lay below. When Jon emerged from that, Drago's ship was not in sight. Which way had he gone? Would he cruise through the foggy atmosphere of Jupiter and escape entirely? Jon shot his ship in a zig-zag course over the Jovian landscape, hoping to glimpse his quarry.

But before long, Jon knew the search was hopeless. He had to search a whole world, and what a world! Jupiter's surface area was 300 times that of tiny Earth! Jon passed over a lake, set in the widespread wilderness, a lake that was bigger than the Pacific Ocean!

All other measurements and dimensions on Jupiter were of this Brobdingnagian proportion. Jon crossed a continent and his instruments recorded it as 100,000 miles long, four times the whole trip around Earth. Then Jon came to the edge of a vast ocean that seemed never to end. It was so huge that if the Earth were dropped into its center, it would sink without a trace and only a ripple would reach shore.

Jon passed an island in this gigantic ocean. The "island" was twice as big as Asia on Earth. Jon had the feeling that he was just a tiny ant on this tremendous oversized planet.

And where was Bull Drago? Jon might search for half his life and still never find him—if he had hidden in some remote corner of this mighty world. Jon kept on doggedly, but without hope.

Jon passed mountains. Mountains was a pitiful name for them. The lowest peak was at least 50 miles high. One peak reached 100 miles into the hazy atmosphere

and Jon had to dart upward sharply to avoid collision.

Cruising aimlessly over endless plains, Jon was suddenly startled to see a small space ship parked below. Did it belong to Bull Drago? Jon zoomed down for a landing. But then he noticed it was a different ship. And that a shack was beside it.

Jon gasped. Did some Earthman live there on Jupiter?

Jon landed and stepped out with a breathing-helmet over his head. The air of Jupiter contained poisons which no Earthman could breathe. That was why it was so strange to think of any Earthman choosing to live here.

The moment Jon stepped from his ship, another phenomenon of Jupiter took hold of him—the great gravity. It was almost three times that of earth. Jon weighed about 500 pounds here. In fact, he sagged to his knees, taken unawares, and it was only with a powerful effort that he could straighten up to his feet, feeling as if he carried a mountain on his shoulders.

That was reason number two why Earthmen avoided colonizing Jupiter!

Jon groaned with every step toward the shack. His legs felt like lumps of cement and just to lift them up and down was sheer work. Beads of sweat stood out on his forehead by the time he reached the door and stepped in.

A man lay on a matted couch. He barely lifted his head in greeting. "Well, well, a fellow Earthman!" he grunted. "Come in, come in! Excuse me if I don't rise, but it's too much effort. Lie down. That's the only way to keep comfortable here."

Jon noticed another couch nearby and thankfully sank down on it, easing back his aching body. He lay there panting for a minute. It had only been 100 feet from his ship to the shack, but Jon felt as if he had hiked all day and half the night.

"GUESS you're curious about me," went on the host. "I'm Matt Benton, prospector. The reason I'm here on Jupiter is because I struck it rich. I've been here three years."

"Three years?" Jon was amazed. "You mean you've put up with this horrible (Please turn to next page)"



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gravity for three long years? How could you stand it?"

"By taking it easy," Benton returned simply. "I spend most of my time just relaxing on this couch. I only move when I have to. It isn't so bad that way."

Jon was puzzled. "But you said you struck it rich. So how do you get your work done, lying on a couch?"

"The natives do all the work," Benton explained. "They bring in lumps of virgin osmium to me. Osmium is a rare and valuable metal on Earth."

"But why do the natives work for you?" Jon asked. "What do you pay them with?"

"Salt," returned Benton. "Plain old salt. Salt is rare on Jupiter, and to the natives it seems to taste like candy or something. Anyway, they eagerly bring in osmium for salt. Once a month I fly to Ganymede and return with a load of salt for them."

He waved to a corner of the shack and Jon saw the piled up sacks of common salt. Next to them lay several sturdy chests of steel. The lid of one was open and Jon saw the lumps of dull white metal in them. Osmium.

"Quite a nice set-up," smiled Benton. "I've got enough osmium collected now to retire rich for life. I'm going to leave here soon for good. That osmium is worth at least a million dollars and . . ."

"YOU don't say?" came a new voice from the door. It was Bull Drago himself, his dark face sinister as he pointed a ray gun at them.

Jon jerked up, his hand moving.

"Don't try it, copper!" warned the outlaw. "Don't reach for your gun. You may have the fastest draw on other worlds, but not here on Jupiter!"

Jon realized he was right. The dragging gravity would make his draw so clumsy and slow that Drago could shoot him ten times over. Drago walked over, took Jon's gun, and stuffed it in his belt.

Benton seemed undismayed by the grim event. "I suppose you've come to rob me of my osmium?"

Drago nodded, leering. "I heard about your buying salt and bringing it to Jupiter, and I guessed the rest. After escaping from the space cop there, I decided to rob you before leaving Jupiter. And if you try to stop me, Benton, I'll . . ."

Benton waved a lax hand. "Take it away," he said. "In this gravity, I should try to jump and stop you? Too much work."

Jon was puzzled. Benton seemed almost gay about it. He had spent three grueling years on this world to collect his treasure,

and then seemed not in the least concerned when a bandit took it all.

Drago worked fast as a dozen natives arrived with more osmium. At the point of a gun, using space patois, he ordered them to take away the chests of osmium. No Earthman could lift even a corner. But the powerful natives, with thick legs and mighty arms, easily hoisted the boxes.

Drago turned for a mocking farewell. "My ship is just over the hill," he gloated. "I'll be gone in a few minutes. Thanks for the loot, Benton."

"Not at all," Benton returned without getting up.

But when Drago left, Jon was on his feet angrily. "He's not going to get away with this," he yelled. "I'll follow him to his ship, even if he has got my gun."

"Relax," said Benton. "Stop worrying . . ."

Jon shook off his hand. "You're crazy, Benton," he growled. "You let a crook take your fortune without a protest. But I'm going after him."

Jon trailed the party over the hill. Jon tried to run, but it was impossible. He could only stagger along at slow speed.

Drago reached his ship in plenty of time, and the natives dumped in the chests of osmium. The rocket motor roared to life and the ship trembled. Jon was too far off to do anything at all. Drago would soar away with a million dollars of loot.

But Drago's ship did not move. It trembled and vibrated and strained to go, but it stood still as if rooted to the spot. Drago roared his motor to top speed. At last the ship rose upward a few feet.

And then—the bottom of his space ship dropped right out!

As Jon stood over Bull Drago, who had been thrown out heavily and lay stunned, the figure of Matt Benton leisurely strolled up grinning.

"I told you not to worry," he said to Jon. "You see, osmium is the heaviest metal known. Drago didn't realize that he could never take off from Jupiter with such an overloaded ship! That's why the bottom dropped out."

"The joke was on him," grinned Jon.

LATER, as Jon stepped into his own ship, with Bull Drago as his prisoner, Benton made a last request. "Send a ship to pick up me and my osmium, Lieutenant. But make sure it's the most powerful ship available!"

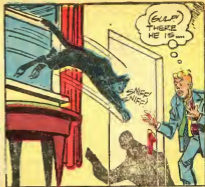
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Captain Kid









THIS BALL IS NO GOOD—
TOO MUCH BOUNCE! I'LL
TOSS IT OUT THE WINDOW!



I'LL HAVE
TO THINK
OF SOME
OTHER WAY
TO GET
RID OF
THIS CAT!

HEY,
BETTY
MAE'S BALL
FELL OUT!
I'LL TOSS
IT
BACK IN!



HERE KITTY,
KITTY, KITTY!
HAVE SOME
NICE MILK!



THAT SCARED HIM! LOOK
AT HIM GO OUT THE
WINDOW, ALL BY HIMSELF,
TOO! WELL, ANYWAY
HE'S GONE!



SEE, I TOLD YOU I'D GET RID OF
THAT CAT BEFORE YOU GOT
BACK! SHALL WE GO
NOW?

NO!
IF...



...YOU THINK I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU
LOOKING AS SLOPPY AS THAT, YOU'RE
MISTAKEN! GOOD NIGHT!

I CAN'T
WIN!



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Captain MARVEL AND

THE MIGHTIEST SEA-MORTAL!



EVERYONE KNOWS THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL IS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL! BUT DOES THIS MEAN THAT HIS POWERS WOULD BE AS GREAT IN DOMAINS BENEATH THE SEA? THERE IS ONE WHO CHALLENGES THIS CLAIM, AND WITH GOOD REASON! THIS IS MERMAN, MIGHTY MASTER OF THE BRINY DEPTHS!

LEGEND TELLS OF AN EVIL RACE OF GIANTS FROM THE SEA CALLED THE TITANS WHO ATTEMPTED TO SPREAD THEIR RULE OVER ALL THE EARTH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR KING, MERMAN!

BUT THE SHAZAM GODS OF MT. OLYMPUS, LED BY MIGHTY ZEUS, PROVE THEM BACK TO THEIR WATERY LAIR!

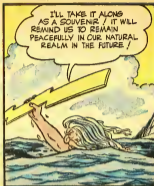


OUR INVASION'S A FAILURE! THE SAFEST PLACE IS BACK IN THE WATER!

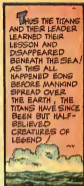




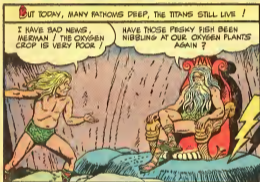
OH-LOH / ANOTHER OF ZEUS' THUNDERBOLTS / IT ALMOST STRUCK ME!



I'LL TAKE IT ALONG AS A SOUVENIR / IT WILL REMIND US TO REMAIN PEACEFULLY IN OUR NATURAL REALM IN THE FUTURE!



THUS THE TITANS AND THEIR LEADER LEARNED THEIR LESSON AND DISAPPEARED BENEATH THE SEA! AS THIS ALL HAPPENED LONG BEFORE MANKIND SPREAD OVER THE EARTH, THE TITANS HAVE SINCE BEEN BUT HALF-BELIEVED CREATURES OF LEGEND!



BUT TODAY, MANY FATHOMS DEEP, THE TITANS STILL LIVE!

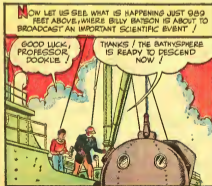
I HAVE BAD NEWS, NERMAN / THE OXYGEN CROP IS VERY POOR!

HAVE THOSE PESKY FISH BEEN NIBBLING AT OUR OXYGEN PLANTS AGAIN?



SET UP A GUARD! KILL ANY CREATURE FOUND MOLESTING OUR OXYGEN PLANTS!

I'LL DO AS YOU SAY!



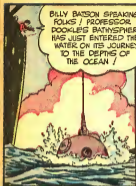
GOOD LUCK, PROFESSOR DOOKLE!

THANKS! THE BATHYSPHERE IS READY TO DESCEND NOW!

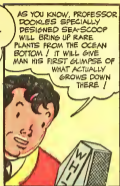


I'LL KEEP SENDING UP REPORTS OF ANY STRANGE UNDERSEA FLORA AND FAUNA THAT I SEE!

THAT'S THE KIND OF INFORMATION OUR RADIO AUDIENCE IS WAITING TO HEAR!



BILLY BATSON SPEAKING, FOLKS / PROFESSOR DOOKLE'S BATHYSPIHERE HAS JUST ENTERED THE WATER ON ITS JOURNEY TO THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN /



AS YOU KNOW, PROFESSOR DOOKLE'S SPECIALLY DESIGNED SEA-SCOOP WILL BRING UP RARE PLANTS FROM THE OCEAN BOTTOM / IT WILL GIVE MAN HIS FIRST GUMPS OF WHAT ACTUALLY GROWS DOWN THERE /



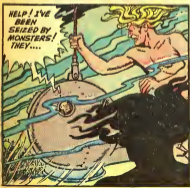
HELLO, BILLY / I'M ALMOST ON THE BOTTOM NOW / EVERYTHING'S WORKING FINE /



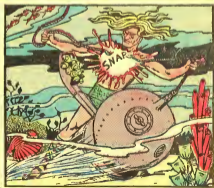
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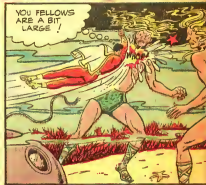
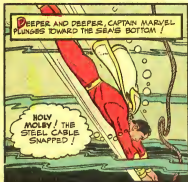


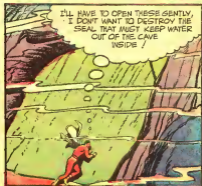
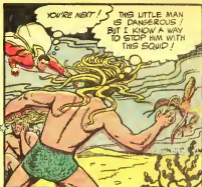
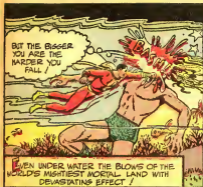
THE PROFESSOR IS DISCOVERED DESTROYING THE PRECIOUS OXYGEN PLANTS BY THE TITAN GUARDS /



HELP! I'VE BEEN SEIZED BY MONSTERS! THEY....







MEANWHILE, PROFESSOR DOCKLE IS BROUGHT BEFORE MERMAN!

THIS IS THE DESPOILER OF THE OXYGEN PLANTS!

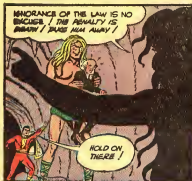


YOU ARE ACCUSED OF WILFULLY DESTROYING OUR OXYGEN PLANTS! WITHOUT THOSE PLANTS, WE COULD NOT SUPPLY THESE WATER-TIGHT CAVES WITH THE OXYGEN THAT ENABLES US TO BREATHE!

I-I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS DOING ANYTHING WRONG!



IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE! THE PENALTY IS DEATH! TAKE HIM AWAY!



HOLD ON THERE!

I'VE JUST ACCEPTED THIS CASE FOR APPEAL! I FIND PROFESSOR DOCKLE INNOCENT!

CAPTAIN MARVEL! THANK GOODNESS!



Oooooof!

YOU DEFY MY JUDGMENT? THAT IS RASH, LITTLE MAN! I AM MERMAN, MIGHTIEST OF ALL WHO LIVE BENEATH THE SEA!



MY NAME IS CAPTAIN MARVEL!

I'VE GOT A REPUTATION WHERE I COME FROM, TOO!



GIVE UP?

NOT WILD! I'VE GOT ZEUS' THUNDER-BOLT TO DESTROY YOU WITH!





I'VE SAVED IT ALL THESE CENTURIES! NOW'S THE TIME TO USE IT!

HOLY MOLEY!



AS THE MAGIC LIGHTNING BOLT OF ZEUS STRIKES CAPTAIN MARVEL, HE IS INSTANTLY CHANGED BACK TO BILLY BATSON!

BOOM



HE SURVIVED THE THUNDERBOLT! BUT IT SHRANK HIM TO THE SIZE OF A BOY!

SMACK!

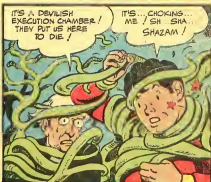
OHNNH!



TROWN INTO A CHAMBER OF 'STRANGLER' SEAWEED, BILLY AWAKENS TO THE PROFESSOR'S CRY ...

BILLY! THE SEAWEED IS ALIVE!

HUH... I...



IT'S A DEVILISH EXECUTION CHAMBER! THEY PUT US HERE TO DIE!

IT'S... CHOKING... ME! SH... SHAZAM!



COME ON, PROFESSOR! WE'RE LEAVING!

BOOM!



I DON'T WANT ANY ARGUMENTS FROM YOU EITHER!

WHAM!



SUPPOSE YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

OHNNHH!

AFTER MERMAN TELLS HIS STORY...

NOW I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN FOR YOUR OXYGEN PLANTS AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU! BUT FIRST I'LL TAKE PROFESSOR DOOKLE AND HIS BATHYSPHERE BACK TO THE SHIP!



BATSR, AFTER CAPTAIN MARVEL MAKES A QUICK TRIP TO SHORE...

THESE OXYGEN CYLINDERS WILL KEEP MERMAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS SUPPLIED TILL THEIR NEXT OXYGEN CROP RIPENS!



AHHHH! WONDERFUL!

WE MUST SEND CAPTAIN MARVEL AND PROFESSOR DOOKLE A NICE PRESENT IN RETURN!



AND GO--- FOLKS, BILLY BATSON ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT PROFESSOR DOOKLE'S UNDERSEA EXPEDITION WAS A SUCCESS. HE PICKED UP A GENUINE SPECIMEN OF THE HITHERTO UNKNOWN OXYGEN PLANT.

BUT NOT WITH MY SEA-SCOOP! THIS JUST... UM... SORT OF FLOATED UP TO THE SURFACE!



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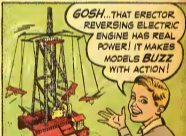
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